

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT BEFORE FOE

RAIL CONFAB AT NEW YORK IS CONVENED

United States Board of Mediation Opens Meet to Prevent Strike.

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Garretson, Chief of Workers, Declares Situation Remains the Same.

New York, Aug. 10.—The United States board of mediation and conciliation conferred today with representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods of employees in its efforts to prevent a country-wide strike to enforce the employees' demand for an eight-hour basic day and time and a half for overtime.

"The status is unchanged," was the only comment of A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, after the conference.

"We have only scratched the surface," said G. W. W. Hanger, a member of the mediation board.

The mediators arranged for a second conference with the railroad managers this afternoon and to meet the brotherhoods' representatives again tomorrow morning.

The mediators held their first conference with the national conference committee of railway managers yesterday. These deliberations are secret.

Three Possible Results.

There are three possible results of the mediation. One is that the federal board will be able to get the managers and workers to sign an agreement. Another is that the mediators will be able to induce both parties to consent to arbitration. If mediation fails, the third possibility is that the federal board will fall in both these endeavors.

It was predicted today that if the board should be unable to compose the differences, President Wilson would ask representatives of the contending factions to meet him in Washington and that he would ask them to arbitrate. It is understood the labor leaders pin their hopes upon mediation rather than arbitration.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen, said: "Arbitration is a gambling game even when the dice are not loaded. Railway employees have lost faith in the justice of arbitration boards."

FIND QUEER MAPS ON BLAST SUSPECT

Design of Self-Propelling Torpedo Discovered in Possession of Man Held in Tom Explosion.

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 10.—A drawing of what at first was thought to be a submarine and later was admitted by the designer to be a self-propelling torpedo together with an envelope addressed to John D. Rockefeller and a note containing the name and address of President Wilson were found today among the effects of Erling Iverson, who, with Axel Larson, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of complicity in the disastrous munitions explosion on Black Tom island two weeks ago.

Although the two men produced persons who declared they were with them in another part of the city at the time of the explosion, the pair were held in \$1,000 bail pending investigation.

The drawing of the torpedo bore the inscription "approved by Captain J. H. Howard, chief of the United States submarine department, June 26, 1916."

There was also a notation "to be built by Iverson and company, London," and another "revolutions 150 miles an hour. For U. S. S. Iverson said he planned and designed the torpedo and said that "Iverson and company" referred to himself.

Underneath the heading "President Wilson" in his note book appeared a meaningless paragraph which Iverson said he wrote "to argue himself."

One letter which Iverson wrote to his mother and did not post, told of "the fight he got when Black Tom blew up" and said there were "still eight rats of ammunition in Black Tom yard."

MORE RUSS TROOPS ARRIVE IN FRANCE

Brest, Aug. 10.—Another contingent of Russian troops have been landed here. The soldiers were given an enthusiastic welcome.

The first Russian troops to land in France arrived at Marseilles on April 20, having sailed half way around the world from Vladivostok. They were followed by three other contingents and were sent into the trenches in Champagne. Official estimates placed the strength of the first contingents at not less than 20,000 men. The earlier arrivals were equipped by the French.

Senate Gets Isle Treaty; Is Due Soon

Washington, Aug. 10.—The treaty by which the United States would acquire the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000 recently signed by Secretary Lansing and Danish Minister Brun now is before the senate foreign relations committee and probably will be considered early next week. It became known today that the treaty was sent to the senate in executive session Tuesday and referred to the committee without discussion.

At the request of the Danish foreign office the terms of the convention are to be considered confidential until both governments agree to have them announced.

The fact that \$25,000,000 is the consideration to be paid by the United States leaked out some time ago however and in a general way the nature of the document has been discussed.

It is understood that in return for the cession of the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John and "adjacent island and rocks" with all public buildings, fortifications, public funds, rights and concessions belonging to the Danish government, the United States is to pay in gold the sum of money stipulated within 90 days after ratification of the treaty, maintain certain grants, licenses and concessions granted in the islands by Denmark and guarantee the rights of Danish citizens residing in the ceded territory.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee said consideration of the treaty would be hastened and that it would be ratified by the senate before adjournment this session. He will call a meeting of the committee early next week.

USE BURNING LIQUID

Germans Pour Flaming Fluid at Enemy Without Result, Paris Says.

Paris, Aug. 10, (11:45 a. m.)—Further progress for the French north of Hem wood in the Somme sector is announced by the French war office today.

Rain and mist have impeded operations north of the Somme. South of the river a German reconnaissance using liquid fire was dispersed by French infantry fire west of Verman-dovillers.

Only intermittent cannonading near Fleury, Vaux and Chapitre is reported from the Verdun sector.

Fifteen battles in the air took place yesterday on the Somme front. One German aeroplane is reported to have been destroyed and two forced to descend inside the French lines. French machines dropped 413 bombs on various railroad stations.

French Report.

"North of the river Somme French troops last night made progress in the country to the north of Hem wood, increasing at the same time to 100 the number of prisoners made yesterday in the campaign. Furthermore, we captured six machine guns. The operations were hindered by the rain and fog."

"South of the river Somme a German reconnoitering party was dispersed to the west of Verman-dovillers. On the right bank of the Meuse there has been intermittent bombardments in the region of Fleury, Vaux and Chapitre."

"In the Vosges a surprise attack, preceded by a bombardment, upon a salient of our lines to the northwest of Altkirk was without success."

"On the Somme front French aviators yesterday delivered 14 attacks. A German machine was brought down between Herly and Rethovillers. Two others were compelled to descend after engagements with French machines near Combles. During the day of Aug. 9 and the night of Aug. 9-10 French aerial squadrons took part in the following bombing operations: 90 bombs thrown down on railroad stations on the front between Lassigny and Combray; 38 shells on the station at Dugny; 40 at Appilly; 38 shells thrown down upon a battery in action in the region of Noyon; 15 upon the railroad station at Bazancourt; 92 upon the stations of Spincourt and Damvillers and on surrounding bivouacs, a total of 413 projectiles."

THE WAR TODAY

Important gains were reported for the entente allies yesterday on the French, Gallician and Italian fronts. The most notable success being the capture of the Austrian city of Gorizia by the Italians. Gorizia is the door through which the Italians may pass in an endeavor to carry out their long cherished idea of taking Trieste. Austria's important port at the head of the Adriatic sea. In the fall of Gorizia the Italians are said to have taken 20,000 prisoners, inflicted heavy casualties on its defenders and captured large quantities of war supplies.

On the Galician front the Russian General Letchitzky has driven his wedge further into the Austro-German line near Stanislaw, captured eight miles of territory and further menaced Lemberg, capital of Galicia.

In the Carpathian region, heights held by the Russians near Jablonitsa and Vorochi, were captured by the Germans, according to Berlin.

The British have pushed back the Germans near Pozieres, 200 yards over a front of 600 yards and the French have driven out the Germans from a trench recently captured from them north of the Verdun sector heavy artillery engagements are in progress at Thiaumont, Fleury, Vaux-Chapitre and Chenois.

The Turks claim to have recaptured Bitlis and Mush, in Turkish Armenia.

Prominent Quaker Dead

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Charles F. Coffin, 94, prominent in Quaker church and public affairs in Indiana and Illinois for more than half a century, is dead at his home here today. He was a leading figure in the establishment of the Society of Friends in the west.

\$200,000 Fire at Philadelphia.

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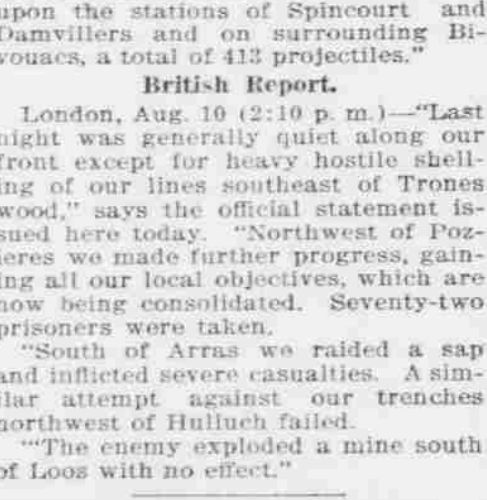
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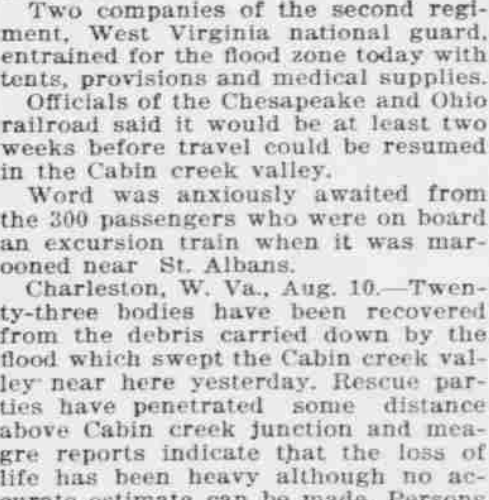
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PAPER CRISIS IS DUE IN OCTOBER

Reports From Federal Trade Commission Situation Will Be Most Acute as Contracts Expire.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The crisis in the news print paper situation, which already has cut down newspaper profits enormously will not be reached till late October when contracts come up for renewal, according to reports received from many sources by the federal trade commission. The presidential election, together with the European war, is expected to increase an already unparalleled demand for news print which manufacturers tell the trade commission they will hardly be able to meet. This year for the first time, they have not been able to lay up a large reserve during the summer.

The trade commission's report on its investigation of news print prices, it was announced today, will be published not later than Oct. 1, regardless of whether congress is still in session. Probably a brief extract will be given out two weeks before hand summarizing the findings. As yet the mass of material has not been sufficiently digested for officials to indicate definitely its trend.

The great question in deciding whether there has been collusion among the manufacturers to boost prices unduly is said to be whether the increased demand for paper has been entirely disproportionate to the increased production. Manufacturers claim that publishers are using 20 per cent more paper than ever before. Consumption figures presented to the commission, however, vary widely. G. F. Steele, secretary of the news print manufacturers' association, has estimated that figures for June show "the largest daily production of news print ever recorded." Shipments, he declared, represented 99 per cent of this production.

None of the substitutes for pulp recently suggested is commercially feasible, according to officials of the various bureaus interested. Cotton stalks, most frequently mentioned, would be prohibitively expensive to collect, they say. The same situation holds for corn stalks, broom corn, rice straw and flax. As yet the experiments have not passed the laboratory stage and so far as is known no commercial use of the discoveries is contemplated anywhere.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Thunder showers this afternoon and tonight; cooler tonight. Friday fair and warmer.

Highest temperature yesterday 91; lowest last night, 76; at 7 a. m. today 76.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., six miles per hour.

Precipitation .02 of an inch.

Humidity at 7 p. m., 42; at 7 a. m., 87; at 1 o'clock today 87.

Stage of water 5 feet even with no change.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

NO HALT SEEN IN ATTACK OF ITALY FORGE

Duke Aosta's Army After Capturing Gorizia Continues Drive.

AUSTRO LOSSES HEAVY

Great Hordes of Retreating Troops Being Taken by Italians, Claim.

Paris, Aug. 10, (9:20 a. m.)—A Havas dispatch from Rome says that the Duke of Aosta's army, having passed the left bank of the Isonzo, continues the pursuit of the Austrians and that heavy losses particularly in respect of prisoners are being inflicted on the Austrians.

Town Not Ruined.

Rome, Aug. 10.—Notwithstanding the desperate fighting around Gorizia, the city itself was not burned by the Austrians or destroyed by the Italian artillery fire; nor were the inhabitants injured, those to the number of 20,000 having previously evacuated the city. It was the desire the Italian commander, General Cadorna, to save Gorizia from destruction by the retreating Austrians and to that end he employed strategy.

After taking the mountain tops of San Michele and Sabotino, he attacked Gorizia from the front across the Isonzo and also from the sides and rear. When the Duke of Aosta, commander of the third army, who was present during the three days of fighting entered the city, Gorizia was found to be deserted, save by great numbers of wounded and dying Austrians on the outskirts. The duke was accompanied by his cousin, the king. The only damage done by the Austrians was that occasioned by their attempts to destroy military buildings filled with large quantities of supplies.

Cross "Death Pass."

Fighting at the bridge across the Isonzo at Podgora, leading into Gorizia, was among the most sanguinary episodes of the war.

Before this encounter, the bridge had been named Death Pass. After the Italian guns had obtained command of Gorizia from the heights of Sabotino, San Michele, Monte Fortin, Monte Santo and Basso Fortin, Italian infantry advanced toward the bridge. After the wildest fighting in which 109 Austrians were drowned, the bridge was taken. Entrance to the city then was comparatively easy.

Describe Capture of Gorizia.

Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 10.—The operations which led up to the capture of Gorizia by the Italians are described in the following official narrative given out here tonight:

"The attack began on August 4 in the Montebello section against Hills 85 and 121 east of Rocca. We stormed a very powerful enemy works there, taking 143 prisoners but the adversary had placed in abandoned trenches quantities of bombs which exploded, giving off clouds of poisonous gases just as our troops entered the captured lines. Heavy masses of the enemy then made counter attacks and our troops stupefied or asphyxiated by the gas, were forced to fall back to their own trenches."

"On August 5 the artillery sounded the enemy's whole front with the object of distracting his attention and fixing the ranges accurately. On the morning of August 6 our batteries opened fire simultaneously on the rocky barrier which from Sabotino to Cavar-

DURAZZO RAIDED BY ITALIAN NAVY

Rome and Austrian Accounts of Sea Battle Conflict—Deny Vienna Allegations.

Rome, Wednesday, Aug. 9, (via London, 10:15 a. m.)—An Italian naval raid last week on the Albanian port of Durazzo, held by the Austrians, is announced in the following statement issued here today:

"Italian light cruisers on the night of Aug. 1-2, avoiding the new permanent defenses prepared by the enemy, again penetrated the port of Durazzo. They torpedoed a steamer there."

"On Aug. 2 French and Italian destroyers attacked four enemy destroyers, protected by the cruiser Aspera, which had bombarded the Apulian coast and pursued them under the guns of Cattaro, shelling them vigorously. The French and Italian warships were undamaged, although opposed by the heavier gun power of the enemy's ships."

The official Austrian account of the sea battle of Aug. 2 said the Italian war ships were hit and retreated and that the Austrian vessels were undamaged.